month for a period of three years, *ex-gratia* payment/grant of Rs. 5,000/ on the occasion of marriage of daughter free education of children in State Government or added institutions and grant of employment on priority basis are given.

According to Delhi Administration compensation is the case of death is paid to the next of kin of the deceased at the rate of Rs. 20,000/- and a grant at the rate of Rs. 5,000/- is paid to those injured due to terrorist activities.

Sericultural Development

229. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) where it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to give priority to sericulture development different parts of the country;

(b) whether any target in this respect has been fixed for the current year if so. the details thereof ;

(c) what is the additional employment likely to be generated thefeby during the remaining part of Seventh Plan period;

(d) what will be the contribution of Central Silk Board towards financial and other help to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this regard; and

(e) how much amount has so far been received bythe cconcerned States and the total area to be covered for Sericultural development ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) A National Sericulture Project has already been launched in the current financial year, for development of sericulture in different parts of the country. A silk production target of 11,160 tonnes has been fixed for the current financial year.

(c) An additonal employment of 2.65 lakh perosns is likely to be generated during the reamining part of the Seventh Plan period.

(d) and (e) The Central Silk Board supplements the efforts of the State Governments for development of the sericulture industry by implementation of the following schemes/ programme.

(i) Supply of highyielding varieties of mulberry cuttuings at subsidised rate ;

(ii) Supply of quality silkworm seeds to sericulturists through a network of Seed Production Centres in the country ;

(iii) Providing R. & D. and Extension Support through a network of Research and Extension units; and

(iv) Organising training Proggrames and conducting study tours for sericulturists.

The plan outlay of Central Silk is Rs. 30 crore. An additional area of 0.37 lakh heoteres is expected to be covered under mulberry sericulture during the current financial year.

Cracks in Hirakud Dam

230. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 78 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th. April, 1989 and state:

(a) whether any Expert Committee was constituted to assess the cracks on the right spillway of Hirakud Dam in Orissa;

(b) if so, what was the recommendation of the said Committee